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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 6808

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EC MAY NOT HAVE COMPLETED REVISED SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL FOR PRESENTATION TO ITS NEGOTIATING PARTNERS EARLY IN DECEMBER. WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT EC FORMALIZE AND PRESENT ITS REVISED SETTLEMENT OFFER SO THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER IT BEFORE UK, DENMARK AND IRELAND TAKE JANUARY 1 STEP TOWARD COMMON EXTERNAL TARIFF.

2. US MISSION EC SHOULD POINT OUT TO EC COMMISSION THAT FURTHER DELAY PLACES THEIR NEGOTIATING PARTNERS IN DIFFICULT POSITION, ON ASSUMPTION THAT ACCEDING COUNTRIES TAKE SCHEDULED 40 PERCENT STEP TOWARD COMMON TARIFF DUTY RATES ON JANUARY 1, 1974 (AS PROVIDED IN ACCESSION TREATY). PROCEDURES OF GATT ARTICLE XXVIII CONTEMPLATE THAT COUNTRIES PROPOSING TO WITHDRAW CONCESSIONS SEEK TO OBTAIN PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THEIR NEGOTIATING PARTNERS BEFORE WITHDRAWING CONCESSIONS. IN CURRENT INSTANCE IT APPEARS WE AND OTHER COUNTRIES NEGOTIATING WITH EC AT BEST HAVE LESS THAN A MONTH TO CONSIDER EC'S NEW OFFER BEFORE C WITHDRAWS PRESENT SCHEDULES OF CONCESSIONS OR ACCEDING COUNTRIES BREACH EXISTING BINDINGS. WE HOPE EC WILL GIVE US ITS FORMAL OFFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WE WOULD WELCOME AN INDICATION OF HOW EC WOULD PROCEED. KISSINGER

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